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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7540

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, VE

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM DUTY INCREASE ON WALL-COVERINGS

REF: STATE 072404

1. EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MR. GAZARIAN, PRESIDENT OF BAZAR BOLIVAR REGARDING PROBLEM OUT-LINED IN REFTEL.

2. EMBASSY INFORMED MR. GAZARIAN THAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN ASSISTING IN THE OBTENTION OF EXONERATION OR ADJUSTMENT OF THE REFERENCE PRICES FOR WALLCOVERING TO ENABLE BAZAR BOLIVAR TO "CONVENIENTLY" COMPLY WITH THEIR COMMITMENT TO IMPERIAL.

3. THE PROBLEM IS DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE, PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE NO LEGAL DOCUMENTS EXIST TO PROVE WHEN THE ORDERS WERE PLACED (E.G. LETTER OF CREDIT, TRANSFER OF FUNDS, ETC.) AND THE MINISTRY MAY NOT BE WILLING TO ACCEPT BAZAR BOLIVAR'S INTERNAL PURCHASE ORDERS AS SUFFICIENT PROOF THAT THE ORDERS WERE PLACED PRIOR TO THE INCREASE IN REFERENCE PRICES. ANOTHER NEGATIVE FACTOR RELATES TO BAZAR BOLIVAR'S FAILURE TO ACT ON THIS PROBLEM EARLIER (REFERENCE PRICES WERE CHANGED IN NOVEMBER 76).

4. MR. GAZARIAN AND HIS STAFF HAVE ASSURED THE EMBASSY THAT EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN A SOLUTION IS NOW BEING MADE AT THE HIGHEST GOVERNMENT LEVELS. CONSIDERING THE SIZE OF HIS FIRM,
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IT IS LIKELY, IN SPITE OF FACTORS CITED ABOVE, THAT GAZARIAN'S REQUEST FOR RELIEF WILL CARRY SOME WEIGHT WITH THE RESPONSIBLE GOV AUTHORITIES.

5. EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT INAPPROPRIATE TO INTERVENE WITH THE GOV IN THIS MATTER AT THE LEVEL GAZARIAN IS IN CONTACT WITH. IF GAZARIAN'S ATTEMPTS ARE UNSUCCESSFUL, THE EMBASSY WILL PURSUE

THE MATTER THROUGH MORE CUSTOMARY CHANNELS.
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